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LETTER DATED 2 JUNE 1999 FROM THE CHARGÉ D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF YUGOSLAVIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have been instructed by my Government to inform you of the continued aggressive actions of the regular armed forces of the Republic of Albania in collusion with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization air force and the terrorists of the so-called Kosovo Liberation Army against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. Enclosed herewith is a memorandum on recent instances of armed provocations along the Yugoslav/Albanian border (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its enclosure circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

MEMORANDUM

ON RECENT PROVOCATIONS ALONG THE YUGOSLAV/ALBANIAN BORDER

1. On 31 May 1999, at about 10 a.m., ethnic Albanian terrorist forces carried out an attack against the border units of the Army of Yugoslavia on Mt. Pastrik and in the regions south of the border crossing of "Vrbnica". The attack was supported by artillery fire from the territory of the Republic of Albania and extensive bombing by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) air force. From 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., over 200 missiles were fired by NATO planes against the positions of the Army of Yugoslavia protecting the State border.

2. On 31 May and 1 and 2 June 1999, the regular forces of the Republic of Albania, three brigades strong, continued, in collusion with the terrorist forces of the so-called Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA) and supported by the armour and artillery of the armed forces of the Republic of Albania and two B-2 bombers of the strategic air forces of the United States of America, attempted to carry out a land invasion of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia in the regions of Mt. Pastrik and the Junik Mountains.

3. The coordinated attacks of the regular forces of the Republic of Albania, terrorists of the so-called Kosovo Liberation Army and the NATO air force remove the mask from the policy of cooperation, assistance and support that NATO renders to the terrorists of the so-called Kosovo Liberation Army, aimed at undermining diplomatic efforts to bring about a political solution. The most recent attack is a reflection of the policy of diktat, aimed at occupying part of the territory of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, a sovereign nation and a Member State of the United Nations. The coordinated action of NATO, the Republic of Albania and the terrorists of the so-called Kosovo Liberation Army is an attempt to escalate the aggression which continues unabated even as negotiations take place at Bonn, with the aim of forcing the other participants to support the diktat and impose the KLA terrorists as a solution factor.

4. Considering that the acts of provocation represent an escalation of the aggression and a flagrant violation of Security Council resolution 1160 (1998) and, by extension, of the mandate of the Security Council and the Charter of the United Nations, the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia requests that the Security Council condemn those acts and take other urgent and immediate measures within its mandate as the key United Nations body entrusted with the task of maintaining international peace and security.